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A Year of People, Places, and Events in the Motor City

In *A Motor City Year*, award-winning photographer John Sobczak captures everyday life in Metro Detroit in 365 images. His photographs showcase the familiar—the Thanksgiving Day parade in Detroit, vendors at Eastern Market, the Woodward Dream Cruise—the less familiar—cycling at the velodrome in Rochester, robots on the line at the Warren Truck Assembly Plant—and the quirky—the birthday of one of Detroit’s oldest women, a tattoo artist at work. Taken together, the photographs in *A Motor City Year* demonstrate the full texture of life in Detroit, from the traditions we hold dear, to the places we work and play, the people we visit, and the challenges that we face.

This volume is divided into four sections according to the seasons, beginning with spring. In this first section, Sobczak follows people and places across the Detroit area coming back to life after a long winter, including rowers on the Detroit River, dancers at a high school prom, neighborhood basketball players in Detroit, and visitors to Domino’s Petting Farm. Summer images include all of the major festivals—like GM River Days, Comerica City Fest, the Ann Arbor Art Fair, the Detroit International Jazz Festival, and Arts, Beats, and Eats—as well as more obscure events like the Michigan Elvisfest and Hines Park’s Mud Days. Photographs in the fall and winter sections show communities and individuals living, working, and celebrating in the colder months, with traditions like the annual Michigan–Michigan State football game, the Hob Nobble Gobble, and ice skating at Campus Martius Park.

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While not all of the images are pretty, they represent the diversity and unique excitement of life in the Motor City, a place too often painted with a broad negative brush. Detroit-area residents and anyone with ties to the region will appreciate this timely collection of photography.

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